like Infrastructure, Manpower Resource Development, Health, Communication and Trade. There have been regular high level contacts between the two countries, with President Gayoom having visited India several times. The two countries have a common approach on a large number of issues.

Our traditionally close and cordial relations with Nepal were further strengthened and deepened during the last one year. Prime Minister's recent visit to Nepal, 19—21 October 1992, has contributed significantly to strengthening economic cooperation in the qualitatively new era of relations since the emergence of multi-party democracy in Nepal.

We have consistently urged Pakistan to abandon its negative approach the join us in earnest efforts to reduce tension and build mutual trust and confidence. We remain firm in our desire to seek harmonious and good neighbourly relations through the ongoing process of bilateral talks in accordance with the Simla Agreement. Prime Ministers of the two countries have met five times in the recent period. In pursuance of the Confidence Building Measures proposed by India in 1990, six rounds of Foreign Secretary level talks have also taken place. Official technical level disucssions have also been held on various outstanding issues like Siachen, Sir Creek, Tulbal, etc. We remain committed to the process of a dialogue.

The recent State Visit of the Sri Lankan President in October 1992, was availed of by both sides of review various bilateral matters such as repatriation of Sri Lankan refugges from India, practical problems faced by fishermen from both countries straying in each other's waters, and economic cooperation, etc. The two sides expressed satisfaction over the on-going repatriation from India of Sri Lankan refugees and agreed to continue cooperation in this regard. On the question of problems faced by fisermen, two sides agreed to treat such cases in a spirit of mutual understanding and accommodation and also agreed to initiate disussions on the subject at the level of senior officials. During the Sri Lankan President's visit, the two sides expressed satisfaction at the progress with regard to the various proposals under the Indo-Sri Lankan Joint Commission, the first meeting of which was held in New Delhi at the level of Foreign Ministers in January 1992 giving an impetus to bilateral cooperation in various fields.

**Introduction of GPF for the Employees of Public Sector Undertakings**

@3677. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce General Provident Fund to the employees of various public sector undertakings bringing them at par with Government servants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the public sector undertakings which are likely to adopt the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Industrial production of development countries**

3678. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state per capita US dollar value of industrial production of top ten developing countries as well as of India during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): A statement giving the per capita

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